Dewan's reply.—I do not think that, after all, you are so badly neglected as you seem to imagine. Of late, attention has been paid to Central and North Travancore in the matter of affording better means of communication. I know there is a complaint of the kind you have mentioned. As much attention as was desirable was not perhaps paid to North and Central Travancore in the past, probably because of the natural facilities in the shape of backwaters and rivers which, however, do not exist in South Travancore. However, I shall keep your representation in mind. The requests made in regard to the roads will be noted for consideration.

86. Improvement of the means of communication in the Minachil taluk.

Mr. Ulahannan Ulahannan (Member, Minachil taluk) said that there were not sufficient means of communication in the taluk and prayed for the speedy completion of the following public works:—

(1) The conversion of the following village roads and paths into public roads :

(*a*) Village road from Lalam to Ramapuram.

The Member said that the people had almost finished the road, and that two small bridges and a few culverts had to be made and he prayed that those works might be completed by the department and the road opened from the day of His Highness' approaching *Shashtipurthi*.

(*b*) The village road from Bharananganam to Ponkunnam road through Edamattam.

(*c*) The path from Mankombu road to Antheenattu through Pravithanam.

(*d*) The village road from Ettumanoor-Lalam road to Ettumanur-Kuthattukulam road.

(2) The opening of a village road from the 3rd mile of the Lalam-Thodupuzha road to Ramapuram through Ezhacherri.

(3) The early construction of the sanctioned bridge over the Minachil river on the Lalam-Ponkunnam road.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the bridge referred to by the Member, an estimate for Rs. 44,200 has been sanctioned for the same recently and the work will be taken up in the order of urgency. The other points are noted.

87. Construction of a cart road from the 8th mile on the Perumbavur-Puthencruz road to Alwaye.

Mr. Mathu Ithapiri Tharakan (Member, Kunnathnad taluk) said that there were very few roads in the taluk and that the Muvattupuzha-Mamala road and the Alwaye-Perumbavur road lying in the southern and northern extremities of the taluk were more useful to the people of the adjoining taluks. The Member prayed that a public road might be opened from a place between the 8th and 9th miles on the Perumbavur-Puthencruz road to Alwaye, passing through the Kumarapuram market. There was already a village road from Alwaye to Kumarapuram. He said that the proposed road would add to the importance of the Kumarapuram market, that it would be useful for transporting goods to Cochin and other places and also for the transport of manure, that the Government would get some revenue from customs duty on goods that passed to Cochin and that the road would also help to prevent smuggling by land.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

88. Means of communication in the Parur taluk.

Mr. G. Harihara Iyer, B. A., B. L. (Member, Parur taluk) said that the taluk was intersected by a net-work of canals, that the means of communication in the taluk

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